

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 1, 2005 has been carefully reviewed along with the references cited therein. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that changes to claim 11 are agreed with and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is removed. The Examiner rejected claims 14, and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Robinson (U.S. Patent No. 6,540,621). Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Spoonster (U.S. Patent No. 4,869,511). The Examiner indicated that claims 1-3, 6-11 and 13 are allowed. Claim 20 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended claim 14 to include the limitation of claim 20, which was indicated to include allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited. In any event, should the Examiner consider personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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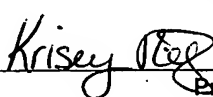
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